

NORTH DAKOTA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
April 10, 2002

**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., A Division
of MDU Resources Group, Inc.
April 2002
Purchased Gas Adjust. Propane**

**PU-399-02-136
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For gas bills issued during April 2002 MDU is increasing its propane purchased gas adjustment by \$.110 per dekatherm for customers in Hettinger. This changes the current propane purchased gas adjustment from negative \$1.494 per dk to negative \$1.384 per dk.

The propane price is a result of the lowest price MDU obtained from its regional bulk wholesale propane suppliers. The change in the price of propane is generally driven by a combination of crude oil and natural gas prices, weather, demand, and inventory levels. There is no change in the over/under-recovery surcharge adjustment.

This PGA change will increase the April bill for a typical residential customer with usage of 7.4 dk by \$.81. There were 288 propane customers in Hettinger as of February 28, 2002.

The Department of Energy's (DOE) Energy Information Administration (EIA) provides various publications on energy issues. The information is available on their website: <http://www.eia.doe.gov>.

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I move the Commission approve Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s propane
purchased gas adjustment for April 2002, Case No. PU-399-02-136.

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